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For: DIELECTRIC BARRIER LAYER FOR A
COPPER METALLIZATION LAYER
HAVING A VARYING SILICON
CONCENTRATION ALONG ITS
THICKNESS

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